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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 3 and 6 December 1993, there appear to have been 13 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as the annex to this note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,031.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(3 December-6 December 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1041	3 Dec.	0010	0011	UNPROFOR personnel observed a MI-8/HIP landing in the area of the quarry at Vitez. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various Slow Low
1042	3 Dec.	1034	1100	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact on a green MI-8/HIP taking off from a football stadium at Posusje. The helicopter landed 10 kilometres east of Posusje. A short time later, the helicopter took off and returned to Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various Slow Low
1043	3 Dec.	1330	1331	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact on an MI-8/HIP landing at an athletic field in Posusje. Another MI-8/HIP and a probable MD-500 were observed at the field. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	Unknown Slow Low
1044	3 Dec.	1420	1421	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact on an MD-500 landing at an athletic field in Posusje. Two other MI-8/HIPs were observed at the field. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	Unknown Slow Low
1045	3 Dec.	1741	1742	UNPROFOR personnel observed a MI-8/HIP departing from the football stadium at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Unknown Slow Low
1046	3 Dec.	1956	1957	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact on an unidentified helicopter 10 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo head north-east. The helicopter turned off its running lights when observed by the NATO fighter aircraft and contact was lost. The unauthorized flight occurred in a contested area.	North-east 100 knots Low
1047	3 Dec.	1956	1957	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact on an unidentified helicopter 8 kilometres south of Sarajevo heading south-east. The helicopter turned off its running lights when observed by the NATO fighter aircraft and contact was lost. The unauthorized flight occurred in a contested area.	South-east 100 knots Low
1048	3-4 Dec.	2313	0002	AWACS made radar contact 20 kilometres north of Posusje heading north-east. The contact faded 10 kilometres west of Vitez. AWACS subsequently regained the radar contact 15 kilometres south-west of Vitez heading south-west. The contact faded 3 kilometres south-east of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	North-east then south-west Slow Low

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1049	4 Dec.	0057	0203	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres north of Posusje heading north-east. The contact faded 8 kilometres west of Vitez. AWACS subsequently regained the radar contact 8 kilometres south-west of Vitez heading south-west. The contact faded 2 kilometres west of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	North-east then south-west Slow Low
1050	4 Dec.	0933	1358	United Nations Observers in Pale observed and inspected an UNPROFOR-approved MEDEVAC flight from Pale to Zvornik. This flight is a violation because the United Nations Military Observer team at Zvornik was not allowed access to the helicopter landing site and were told the flight had been cancelled. AWACS gained radar contact 25 kilometres north-east of Pale heading south-west. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate, but were unable to gain visual contact. Radar contact was lost in the vicinity of Pale. United Nations Military Observers in Pale observed the MI-8/HIP returned to Pale 1.5 hours late and carried 6 additional patients. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Slow Unknown
1051	4 Dec.	1444	14.55	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact on a small helicopter 25 kilometres north of Pale heading south-east. The fighters lost visual contact 20 kilometres north-east of Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-east Slow Unknown
1052	4 Dec.	2243	2332	AWACS made radar contact 30 kilometres south-west of Kiseljak heading north-west. The contact proceeded to 12 kilometres south-west of Vitez then headed south. NATO fighter aircraft made radar and visual contact on an MI-8/HIP 23 kilometres north of Posusje. Warnings were issued and the HIP landed at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	Various Slow Unknown
1053	5 Dec.	1326	1327	United Nations Military Observers in Banja Luka observed a "Gazelle" helicopter flying on a southerly heading. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	South Unknown Unknown
				(6 Dec.: No violations reported.)	